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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Invasive species come in many forms, from plants
3 and animals to insects and diseases; and

4 WHEREAS, Invasive species can greatly harm the ecology and
5 economy of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Invasive species can reduce productivity of
7 agricultural lands, impact diversity of natural systems,
8 reduce wildlife habitat, and limit recreational activities;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois faces many challenges with
11 invasive plants and animals; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois can make a significant difference in
13 battling invasive species, whether through cleaning water
14 craft, volunteering at workdays, choosing to purchase species
15 that are not considered invasive, knowing proper disposal
16 methods for bait and unwanted aquarium pets or plants, or
17 controlling invasive species on their lands; and

18 WHEREAS, The public's awareness and participation is key to
19 reducing and eliminating invasive species in Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a longstanding
2 commitment to its natural heritage; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we show our support for Illinois
6 Invasive Species Awareness Month, which states that
7 organizations, agencies, and groups across Illinois will team
8 up each year up to organize events that raise awareness of the
9 negative impacts of invasive species on Illinois' landscape and
10 economy; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we designate the month of May in 2015 and
12 2016 as Invasive Species Awareness Month in the State of
13 Illinois in furtherance of our support of this important
14 initiative.